GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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CLOTH PRODUCED UNDER HANDLOOM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cloth production in handloom sector is declining constantly in the country;

(b) if so, the volume and value of the cloth produced in this sector during the year 1997-98 and 2002-2003;

(c) Whether the Government had constituted any Study Group for the development of this sector during the above period; and

(d) if so, the date of constitution of the said Group along with the composition thereof and details of the report submitted by the above Group?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES(SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) The handloom cloth production in the country has increased constantly during the past several years except during 1998-99 and 2002-03.

(b) The handloom cloth production during 1997-98 and 2002-03 has been estimated as 7603 million sq. mtrs. and 5980 million sq. mtrs. respectively. The value of the cloth produced is not maintained due to its high variance in the quality, size, fibre composition etc.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.